A sum of Rs. 1,400 is required as supplementary grant under "Central Jail—Diet of Prisoners" over and above the budget allotment of Rs. 10,600. The excess is due to the fact that the rates of diet articles of the lowest tender received this year were higher than those quoted in the tenders of the previous year.

Under "Central Jail—Miscellaneous," a sum of Rs. 500 is necessary. The increase in the medicine charges of 1101 has contributed to this. The cost of medicines supplied to the Jail Department in one year used to be met from the provision for the next year. In the year 1101, a larger quantity of medicine was indented for than in the previous year. Enhanced provision for meeting this expenditure was not, however, made in the budget of the current year by the Inspector-General of Prisons, and hence the application now placed before the House.

Rs. 200 is necessary under "Sub-Jail—Diet of prisoners". The increase is partly due to the rise in the contract rates as already explained, and partly due to the rise in the average duration of the accused under trials in the Sub-Jail.

On account of the introduction of the scavenging system in the Talappalli Sub-Jail and the supply of blankets and uniforms to prisoners in some of the sub-jails, an excess grant of Rs. 100 is essential under "Sub-Jail—Miscellaneous". The above expenditure was not anticipated at the time of framing the budget. Provision used to be made in the budget for the purchase of raw materials for meeting the normal demands for the supply of bedding and clothing for the Medical Department. A bigger order than usual has been received this year, necessitating the grant of an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "Central Jail Manufactures." This expenditure, I may inform the House, is productive of revenue. I request the House to grant the supplementary allotment.

Mr. Nunez, who had given notice of a cut on the Supplementary Demand, was not present. So the cut motion was considered as withdrawn.

The Demand under "Jails" was put to vote and allowed

Demand XXIII.—Sanitation and Conservancy.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I beg to move for a Supplementary Grant of Rs. 1,268-7-11 under "XXIII—A—State General Sanitation". This has reference towards the Trippunittura Town Improvement works; for a new road from the Girls' School to the road that runs by the side of the Hill Palace. The sanctioned amount on this work was Rs. 2,350 including a sum of Rs. 600 for land acquisition charges. The

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figures furnished by the Diwan Peishkar for acquisition charges now amount to Rs. 1,550-15-3, i. e. Rs. 950 and odd in excess of what is provided for in the estimate. The total cost including the enhanced land acquisition charges amounts to Rs. 3,300-15-3; out of this amount a sum of Rs. 32-7-4 had to be given towards the work done in 1101. So the balance works out, including the enhanced acquisition charges, at Rs. 3,268 7-11, for which there is a budget allotment of Rs. 2,000 under this head. So a balance of Rs. 1,268-7-11 is asked to be voted by this House as an additional allotment.

Motions Nos. 3 and 4.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.— *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1268-7-11 for "State General Sanitation" by one rupee.*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,268-7-11 for "State General Sanitation" by one rupee.*

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—On a point of information, Sir. Is that road within the jurisdiction of the Panchayat ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is a Government road. It is not under the Panchayats.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Trippunittura itself ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

President.—Then there is a cut motion by Mr. George to reduce the allotment by one rupee.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Sir, I move for a reduction by one rupee in the allotment of Rs. 1,268—7—11 for "State General Sanitation". I am sorry that I have to make his motion at the fag end of this sitting. I am really sorry that many Hon'ble Members on the other side are not present here to-day to hear what I have got to say on what I consider to be a very important matter for the Hon'ble Members of this House.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The other side ?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Also this side.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—On this side, all of us are here.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—The other side means the non-official side—the opposition party.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I say it is not the opposition party. Again, I call it the Progressive Party.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is that side the Government Party ?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—We form an Independent Party.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—You may call your party by any name. But our party is not the opposition party.

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Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Sir, in commending this motion for the consideration of this Hon'ble House, I may honestly confess that I am feeling unusually nervous, because I am hereby placing for the consideration of this House a very vital matter, a question that has been most painfully agitating the minds of nearly 2,500 Roman Catholic citizens of Mattancheri in particular and of the whole Christian population of the State in general. Although the question is not only one that directly concerns the Christian subjects of His Highness the Maharaja, I may assure this House that it is one that involves great and important principles, principles for the recognition of which the world's greatest men have sacrificed their lives, and for which perhaps the world's greatest wars have been fought. It is a case where, by the culpable negligence and indifference of the Government of Cochin, nearly 2,500 Christian subjects of His Highness have been denied their elementary right of freedom of worship. I, therefore, appeal to each and every Member of this House to hear me patiently and to judge the case on its own merits without bringing in caste or communal feelings in the disposal of a vital matter like this.

I shall briefly state my case. There is a church called the Bethlehem Church at Chullikkal falling within the Municipal limits of the Mattancheri Town. It has been in existence for the last sixty years, and had a parish of 500 families. It had also a parochial school recognised by the Government and a parish priest who was ministering to the spiritual requirements of these 500 families, most of whom were poor labourers, making their living by daily labour in the town of Mattancheri.

In the year of Grace 1913, the Chairman of the Mattancheri Town Council, with the approval of the Government of Cochin, opened a public cremation and burial ground in a place hardly 50 yards off from the Church. The said burial and cremation ground is divided into six blocks (1) for the Pulayas, Kanakkans, Parayas, Ulladans and Velans, (2) for Valans and Arayans, (3) for Ezhuvas, (4) for Naidus, Pillais, Thattans and Vaniars, (5) for the Sudras and (6) for the Brahmins, some of whom bury their dead bodies and others cremate. As soon as the idea was known to the poor parishioners of the Church, they put in a petition before the Chairman protesting against the proposed action. The Chairman, who was no less a person than the Hon'ble Member for the Jews, was graciously pleased to reject their petition. Ever since that, they have been petitioning and memorialising the benign Government of Cochin for the redress of their grievances.

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This House will have some idea of the amount of feeling of the poor people of Chullikkal and the amount of money and energy they have spent in this matter, when it is told that the huge file that is placed before me is nothing but the copies of petitions, memorials and telegrams they have addressed to our benign and enlightened Government in this matter. Their first petition to the Diwan of Cochin is dated 20th of December 1913, and this has been followed by a series of petitions and memorials to His Highness the Maharaja and to the successive Diwans of the State. Some of our Diwans have visited the place, and left it with the vague promise "I shall very sympathetically consider the matter". Deputations have waited upon His Highness, and representations were made both in the press and from various platforms. Among the papers that condemned the action of the Chairman in those days, I may mention *the Madras Mail*, *the Indian Journal*, *the Malabar Herald*, *the West Coast Bulletin*, *the Sujana Mitram*, *the Chakravarti*, *the Manorama*, *the Satyanadom*, and a host of other papers. Once His Highness, our beloved Maharaja, was graciously pleased to announce that he will visit the place in the month of January 1917 on his way to Manacheri to witness the devastation caused thereby the erosion of the sea. His Highness visited Manacheri, but, through the extreme ill-luck of the people of Chullikkal, His Highness could not make it convenient to visit the place. I am absolutely certain that His Highness, our Maharaja, who impartially distributes timber every year for building temples, mosques and churches from the funds of our State charity, will order the immediate removal of this standing nuisance and perpetual insult to his Christian subjects, if only he personally acquaints himself with the position of the cremation ground and of the feelings of his ever loyal Christian subjects in this matter.

In the meanwhile, the Rev. Parish Priest found it impossible to conduct divine service in the Church, as the fumes emanating from the burning dead bodies were penetrating even into the holy altar, desecrating our holy of holies and interfering with the due performance of the sacred ceremony. The Church had to be closed down along with the parochial school, both for religious and sanitary reasons. Thus the poor people of Chullikkal, numbering nearly 2,500 souls, have been denied the elementary right of free worship in their Church from the year 1915 to this day. Many among them are already gathered to their forefathers without receiving the last consolations of the Church for want of a place of worship.

Sir, all along the benign Government of Cochin have been sitting with folded arms indifferently and inconsistently nodding

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o the petitions and representations of these poor people, and yet calling themselves the most enlightened and progressive administration in the whole of India. The contradictory replies which the Government of Cochin have given to their various petitions and representations will convince the House of the callous and culpable indifference which the Government have shown in this matter. Diwan Mr. Bhore had the fool-hardiness to tell the poor people of Chullikkal that the cremation ground will be removed from there, if they paid down Rs. 8,000 to the Sirkar by way of value for the site.

President.—You should be careful in the use of your expressions.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—If it is unparliamentary, I withdraw it.

I need not expose the extreme absurdity of this proposition, and yet the poor people of Chullikkal did offer in one of their petitions to give Rs. 4,000 out of their burning desire to restore their house of God to its original condition.

Sir, we, the Christian subjects of His Highness, can claim with legitimate pride to be one of his most loyal subjects in this State, and we are never tired of repeating it, whenever occasions arise. When, in October last, more than 50,000 of us met in the common *pandal* in the *maidan* opposite to this very Hall itself, we addressed common prayers for the speedy recovery of His Highness, our Maharaja, although we were then aware that facilities for the worship of the very same God were being denied to a section among us in one corner of our enlightened State itself. Sir, if you tell us that we, the Christian subjects of His Highness, have no admission into the State Military, we may receive the news coldly and keep quiet; if you tell us that you will deny to us proportional representation in the State services, we may still receive the news with a protest, and yet continue to endure; but if you tell us that you will allow the continuance of the desecration of our sacred altars by the foul smoke that emanates from burning corpses, I most deleberately tell the Government that this is too much for our nerves to stand.

Sir, is there no other place in the whole of Cochin for the location of this cremation ground other than the one selected? I am sure I am voicing the sentiments of the entire Christian population of the State, when I say that this cremation ground of all castes and communities, being located in such close proximity to a Christian church, is a standing insult and a challenge to the entire Christian population of the State. Imagine, Sir, whether such a state of affairs could even be dreamt of in the case of a Hindu temple, or a Muhammadan mosque. You will prosecute the Hon'ble Member sitting to my right (I mean

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the Member for the Valans), if he approaches within certain prescribed limits of a caste Hindu temple, and yet you allow the stinking fumes from burning dead bodies to penetrate into the sacred precincts of our churches to such an extent as to make it impossible for divine services to be conducted there. In the name of the poor citizens of Chullikkal in particular, and in the name of the entire Christian population of this enlightened and progressive little State of ours, I appeal to you, Sir, to interfere in this matter forthwith, and set right matters, to avoid all further unpleasantness in the matter.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Sir, I support the motion. I would not have taken any time of this House to speak at length on this motion, had I not felt the gravity of the position of a temple of God sitting in Satyagraha at the face of the Government of Cochin for the last 12 years.

Sir, Satyagraha had not to be offered at Vaikkom for more than a year before the Government of the gracious and benevolent Maharani of Travancore opened the sacred roads of Vaikkom to all classes of her people. But how long should the Catholic inhabitants of Chullikkal offer Satyagraha at the gates of the civilised Government of Cochin, at the royal mansions of our benevolent and beloved Maharaja, at the gates of the successive Diwans of Cochin—enlightened Diwans, all of them—and at the gates of the self-governing Municipality of Mattancheri, —how long should they offer Satyagraha for the Government to interfere and set matters right?

President.—What is this Satyagraha for?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I am telling you that for 12 long years a temple of God has been closed and—

President.—Is that Satyagraha?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—And all the people are walking four miles a day to do their religious functions. That is the Satyagraha they offer. How long would you permit this, Sir? A church which has been built and consecrated for the worship of God, and which, for the last 50 years, has been unostentatiously and peacefully attending to the spiritual need of these peoples has remained closed for 12 years! Most of the hinges of its doors must have grown rusty. And in the place from where the sweetest melodies were rising with fragrant fumes in praise of the Almighty God, in that place, Sir, bats and rats are having their unbothered and stinking habitation. Sir, that is the Satyagraha they offer. Now, Sir, how long should they wait? A place where the holy fire was to burn perpetually, that place has remained closed for a dozen years! How long should this Satyagraha be offered? A school which was attending to the

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needs of hundreds of pupils of the parish was also closed. It has disappeared. This has been going on for the last 12 years. Men, women and children are walking to Mattancheri four miles a day to attend to their daily spiritual needs and functions, and yet the Church remains closed. Sir, is their cause unjust? Would this Satyagraha be continued for 12 years, if their cause be unjust? Sir, their cause is just; at least they believe it to be just, and when a people strongly believe in a cause, everybody should respect their sentiments.

Sir, you take British India. There you cannot have music in front of mosques, and the British Government sees that music is not played in front of a mosque. Legally, the position of the Government may not be correct. But then, to respect the sentiments, to respect the feelings, of a large community, they stop music before mosques. Sir, the same thing we want here. We want the Government to interfere and see that the wrong done to a community is not allowed to continue.

Sir, the Christians of Chullikkal are part and parcel of the vast body of Christians who form about 27 per cent of the population of the Cochin State. They are kith and kin with us; they are the same flesh and blood with us, following the same religion and raising their prayers to the same God; so that we are keen on this matter and feel strongly about the gravity of the situation and the insult that is offered to them. Sir, what have the Christians done for the State? Have the Government or the Mattancheri Municipality taken into consideration, when they did this, what service the Christians have been doing for the State? They are running two University Colleges, one a First Grade College for boys, and the other a Second Grade College for girls; they are running several High Schools and hundreds of Primary Schools in the State; they are the promoters of commerce and industry, and they form a considerable portion of the agricultural population of the State. Yet, as mentioned by the Hon'ble Member for Pallivirutti, this insult has been a standing insult for the last 12 years.

Sir, even now in Mattancheri there are cemeteries in the crowded localities for the Jews and the Muhammadans. These were not closed. Cemeteries of the other people were removed and located very near this church. Sir, what the feelings of the people would be, when either their cemeteries or their places of worship are in any way interfered with, will be evident from the motion that was made in this House by no other person than the present Chairman of the Mattancheri Municipal Council. A motion was brought before this House—an adjournment motion—because t was feared that a latrine was being constructed near the Jewish

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cemetery in Mattancheri. For that Member it was reason enough for an adjournment motion. Sir, if that is cause for an adjournment motion, what about the present matter? For 12 long years burial grounds have been located near the Church, and the Church has remained closed. Is it not a matter for bringing a motion and moving it strongly and with feeling? I request all the Members of this House to take up this cause of the Christian community, though the community immediately concerned consist only of 2,500 souls. I support the motion.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what the Government have got to say in regard to this matter, because the Member has stated that the school and the Church have remained closed for 12 years?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We have no information about that; nor have we any information regarding the existence of the Church before the cemetery came into existence there.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—That is a clear proposition; it was there for 60 years.

President.—As I understood from the correspondence, I think it is pending investigation.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Of course, there was correspondence, and the matter is pending investigation.

President.—The Municipal Chairman has recommended the removal of the cemetery to another place, and the acquisition of a suitable spot. The Mattancheri Chairman and the Chief Medical Officer have been inspecting the suitability of a spot. There was a petition also. We are considering the matter seriously.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The matter has been before the Government for the last 12 years, and investigation is not yet over? Mr. George said that for 12 years it has been pending correspondence.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Several years have passed, but the present Diwan has taken the matter seriously.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to hurry the enquiry?

President.—We want to do it. It is a very burning question, and I shall give an assurance like that, and I have been telling Dr. Verghese the same thing.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When was that investigation taken up by the Government?

President.—There was no investigation. It is all based on the report of the Chairman.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Now, the Secretary to the Diwan said that the matter is under investigation. May I know how long the investigation has been going on? The Hon'ble Member

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for Pallivirutti said the Church and the school have remained closed for 12 years.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I do not understand what this investigation is. The matter was in the hands of the Municipal Council of Mattancheri. Reports were received, and they were sent to the Municipal Council.

President.—For anything and everything there is objection. Petitions are sent by the opposite party. They say the cremation ground ought not to be located in this place and that place. We want to fix a place.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—So it should be removed in course of time.

President.—The Government will consider the matter and fix a place.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I know, as a matter of fact, that the present Diwan of Cochin is not to be blamed in this matter. The matter was only very recently placed before him, and as an officer who has considerable experience in the State service, I believe the matter will engage his serious attention, and that the Chairman of the place also will give it an impartial consideration, and that as early as possible.

President.—Not only that. Even Brother Nicholas told me about it. Unless he feels the keenness of the position, a very old man like him would not have put himself to such trouble.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Can I have any assurance?

President.—We will do it. The only difficulty is to find out a place.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.— I know they have pointed out a place in the petition itself. For instance, there is a burial ground used by the Pandi Thattans, and it is more in extent than the present one.

President.—There also mass petitions have been presented. I asked Mr. Koder to see these people, and ask them what their objections are, and see whether they are bogus petitions. He said he could not understand the reason for their petitioning. He has reported about the removal.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I want some assurance with regard to the time in which it will be finished.

President.—When will you find it convenient to go over there, Dr. Verghese?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Next week, Sir.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Then, I take the leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

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President.—Do you want the leave of the House?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Yes, Sir. It has been proposed and seconded.

The motion for leave of the Council to withdraw the cut motion of Mr. George was put to vote and carried.

President.—The next motion stands in the name of Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I do not move it, Sir.

The motion was permitted to be withdrawn.

The Demand for an additional grant of Rs. 1,268-7-11 under "State General Sanitation" was put to vote and carried.

President.—The next Demand is XXIII (B) "Rural Sanitation" for Rs. 3,210-0-0.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 3,210 under "Rural Sanitation". This Demand is occasioned by the necessity to pay the acquisition charges of the market called the Thottungal Market.

A Sirkar market was opened in Thottungal in 1100. Subsequently, it was found that the market had sufficient scope for expansion and improvement.

As a result of a joint inspection of the site by the Diwan and myself, certain plots of ground were proposed to be acquired for its extension. A sum of Rs. 5,000 was provided in the budget for 1102. This was found insufficient, in view of the fact that the cost of acquisition itself came to Rs. 5,224-1-6. After paying for urgent improvement works for markets, etc., there was only a balance of Rs. 2,021-10-11 available. The balance, viz., Rs. 3,210 is now asked for as a supplementary grant.

Motion No. 5.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,210 for "Rural Sanitation I—mprovements to Markets" by one rupee.*

Dr. A. G. Menon.—On a point of information. Is it for one special market or for other markets also?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—This Rs. 3,210 is for the Thottungal Market.

President.—Mr. Eachara Menon has got a cut motion under this head.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I have proposed this cut to inquire how the authorities came to know of the urgency of the work.

President.—What work? What is it that you want?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I want to speak on Rural Sanitation.

President.—Not about this particular market?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—He asks whether it cannot be postponed till the next budget session, and what urgency there is for a supplementary grant.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The acquisition has been made.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Provision was made in the budget for the acquisition of the land, and subsequently, when the Diwan Peishkar made the valuation, more money was found necessary, and therefore, it was accepted.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Mulakunnattukavu is the person to speak for the Government?

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—He is a man who is capable of explaining things. (*Laughter.*)

President.—Anyhow, the whole thing has been done.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I have nothing to say against that.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is about the urgency that he speaks.

President.—We have already rendered ourselves liable to pay the amount.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—That is for the public. We must have it.

President.—You don't object to it?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—No, I want to speak on General Sanitation. There was a certain urgent work which I had proposed, but which has not been taken up by the Government.

President.—Then, you press for that?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I want money to be provided for that.

President.—Of course, the time is over now. We will provide for it in the next budget session. What are the works that you want?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—The Perumkulam tank in Nalleppalli should be cleared.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—What about that tank?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—It is in a very insanitary condition.

President.—People were complaining to me about that. You refer to the tank close to the temple?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Yes, Sir, to the west of Chondath House.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is the question of funds that stands in the way. That is why I did not take it up last year, not that we are unaware of it.

President.—The cost is very prohibitive.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—If there are no funds, you should transfer the allotment or ask for a supplementary grant.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Very well. I shall put it in the next budget.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I have a word to say. Bus service has increased very much in Kunnamkulam, and through the Parel Bazar there, buses are passing very often during day and night. But there is no good light provided at the central place there. There is only a small kerosine oil light, and it is insufficient. It is a very busy place, and four roads meet together there. If better light is not provided there, some accident might take place very soon.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We are now dealing with the question of markets.

Mr. K T. Mathew.—It is under "General Sanitation", hat I am now speaking of, and so I am in order.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The market question is before the House, and it has not been put to the vote.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Markets come under "Rural Sanitation".

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—There is another matter to which I desire to call the attention of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer. The insanitary condition of the drainage in front of the Anchal Office has been brought to the attention of the Government. I have just received a letter about this matter, and understand that the local Doctor has gone and inspected the place. With Rs. 60 or Rs. 70 this could be improved. I bring this also to the attention of the Government, so that adequate steps may be taken.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—As far as the Perumkulam tank is concerned, it must be repaired before the rainy season.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know whether we will be able to do it this year.

President.—What shall the cost for it come to?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—To the best of my recollection, it will come to about Rs. 12,000.

President.—We shall now rise for lunch.

The House rose for lunch at 2 p. m. It again met at 3 p. m.

The question of granting Rs. 3,210 under "XXIII—Sanitation and Conservancy—B. Rural Sanitation" was put to vote and carried.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Sir, I beg to move for a Supplementary Grant of Rs. 3,071—3—10 under "XXIII-B. Rural Sanitation—Miscellaneous".

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This refers to grants to be credited to the D. P. W. under "Contribution works" as per the three following heads.

(i) Well-boring operations in Nemmara were sanctioned by the Government, and the works were taken up independently of this department without previous provision. The cost thereof was ordered to be met out of the allotment under "Improvement of water-supply".

(ii) Similarly the D. P. W. was allowed to carry out the repairs to the Kuttankulam in Irinjalakkuda, and the amount of the estimated sanction of Rs. 6,350 was also ordered to be met out of the budget grant under "Improvement of water-supply".

As the budget allotment was only Rs. 10,000, it was not possible to meet the full amount out of this grant after meeting the urgent requirements of this department. A total sum of Rs. 4,998-7-3, the only available amount, was, however, placed to the credit of the Chief Engineer towards the above two expenditures, on the Nemmara well-boring and the Kuttankulam tank.

(iii) Again, there was a provision of Rs. 3,000 under "Trippunittura Town Improvement", and this whole allotment also was placed at the disposal of the Chief Engineer. Further grant under this head was not available, and hence no more sum was placed to the credit of the Chief Engineer towards the additional expenditure incurred under this head. Hence the Demand for this additional allotment of Rs. 3,071-3-10 to meet the arrears of 1101. I request that it may be sanctioned.

The question of granting the amount was put to vote and carried.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Sir, I beg to move for the grant of Rs. 100 under "XXIII—B. Rural Sanitation".

Establishment	..	Rs. 30	Rs. 100.
Lighting charges	..	,, 50	
Improvements to markets	..	,, 20	

This demand refers to the Kanjiramittam market, which was taken charge of from the Panchayat at their request, to place it in a more satisfactory condition and under better management.

The Panchayat was getting no income out of it, but the market, after transfer to this department, was auctioned for Rs. 400 for 10 months of the year (the remaining period after transfer). The allotments budgetted for its maintenance were also ordered to be transferred to this department. Accordingly, the necessary transfer application was made to include the

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amount of Rs. 100 in the sanitary budget as additional allotment for the year. Hence this Demand for Supplementary Grant by transfer from "II C—Agriculture and Panchayats" to "XXIII—Sanitation and Conservancy—B. Rural Sanitation".

The question of granting the supplementary demand was put to vote and carried.

Demand—XXVII.—Public Works—Rs. 32,700.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for a Supplementary Grant of Rs. 32,700 for the Department of Public Works.

The resolution for supplying water to Mattancheri, which was unanimously voted by the non-official Members of this Council, received the approval of the Government. I was ordered to carry it into effect, as soon as possible.

Designs were made, and an estimate for the first stage of the scheme for Rs. 67,000 was submitted to the Government. While doing so, I pointed out that, though I could, by transfer of allotment, meet an expenditure of Rs. 35,000, I was unable to find the balance.

Hence the necessity for this motion for a supplementary grant.

Motions Nos. 6 to 9.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 32,700 for "XXVII—Public Works" by one rupee.*

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 32,700 for "Public Works" by one rupee.*

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 32,700 for "XXVII—Public Works."*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 32,700 for "Public Works."*

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I have tabled this motion to reiterate the question of roads in my constituency. My constituency has the unique prestige of being a very extensive constituency where there is not one inch of metalled road. I have made repeated representations to this House regarding this matter. I asked for a road in continuation of the present Pallivirutti road going straight up to Chellanam. The Government told me that they are short of funds. I then asked for the irreducible minimum, i. e., at least an extension of the Pallivirutti road for about a mile and a half. I suppose my demand was very moderate, and the Member assured me that the matter would be looked into. It was during a sitting of the last legislative session of this House. To this day the matter has not received the attention of the Government. The Chief Engineer has told me that there is going to be a new road from Pallivirutti to Edakochi. That will be more than my expectation in one

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